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6-13-78

Mr. Eric Newman

6450 Cecil

Clayton, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have recently become interested in collecting early merchant's script of Missouri and Arkansas. As any convert to something new, I am especially enthusiastic about it. I was at the Central States show in St. Louis but missed seeing you. At the recent Paper Money Show in Memphis I learned that you had been in the hospital recently, so I thought I would just write now, while you probably have more time to read. I know that you are working on cataloging the obsolete currency of Missouri for the SPMC and I had a few issues I wanted to be sure you have. I have enclosed Xerox's of these Missouri issues from the towns of West Plains, Thomasville, and Hartville, which you may or may not know of. They are all of special interest to me as they are from this area. The Hartville notes are especially interesting to me.



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because of their promise to pay off in either Confederate or U.S. notes. Personally I haven't seen any others with this statement on them. One of the West Plains notes, the Thomasville note, and a third note issued at Salem, Ark. just across the state line from the first two towns, were all apparently printed by the same shop. They are all three printed on the back of the same type of land deed, they all make use of the same type, and they all had their margins marked to be cut in the same way. I am currently doing some research <sup>on</sup> of the men who signed these different notes to see what I might turn up ~~some~~ of historical interest. The history of this part of Missouri during the Civil War has not been explored fully because the major engagements and troop movements took place elsewhere. It was a sad story



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of guerrilla warfare and lawlessness here.

If you have or know about other notes from South-Central Missouri I would enjoy knowing about them. I am continuing to search for more notes to

add to my collection, but am not having much luck.

If you have any duplicates for sale I would like to know about them. I am sorry to say I don't

presently have any extra notes to sale or trade as

I have yet to find more than one of any single note.

I would especially ~~like~~ like to find one of the notes issued at Neosho.

Again, I hope the enclosed Xerox's are of new types. If you desire I have

the equipment make photographic copies of any of these notes. Please, if I can do anything,

especially in this area of the state, to help you

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with your book let me know. My enthusiasm is  
yours to use. I hope to meet you someday.

Sincerely,

C Joney Aid

#1 Court Sq.

W. Plains, MO 65775



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 19, 1978

Mr. C. Toney Aid  
#1 Court Square  
West Plains, MO 65775

Dear Toney:

It was a pleasant surprise to get your interesting letter. I wish we had met when you were in St. Louis, but that can happen another time.

Your scrip notes are most unusual and I am glad you wish to help in the Missouri project. When I get well I'll list for you other notes of South Central, Missouri, which I know of. You offered to photograph your notes and I would like prints of each the exact size of the originals. I suggest you soak the Hartsville notes in cold water for an hour or so to remove their water stains and then straighten out the bent over part at the left end of the \$2. It will not hurt them. Dry them between clean blotters or other flat absorbent paper.

Please tell me what the printed signature on the Hartsville notes is as I can't read the last name. We have some Missouri duplicates but we only trade for items we need and do not sell. There is a duplicate Neosho item. If you would part with any of yours, I am sure we could help each other.

Keep up the good work. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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C. Toney Aid  
1 Court Square  
West Plains, Missouri 65775

October 19, 1979



Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I am sorry I have not replied to your letter sooner. I have not yet made the photographs for you. I hope to have them to you in about three weeks. It would be sooner but I am leaving on a business trip that will take me out of town for a week. I have all the equipment needed to photograph them. Recently I photographed the collection of scrip at the Arkansas Historical Commission, the former collection of Mr. Stebbins. I think that some of those notes might be of interest to your work. There are several payable in Missouri War Bonds, and at least one that is payable at locations both in Arkansas and Missouri. It is my hope to write an article on these Missouri-Arkansas cross-over notes. Anyway, when I send the photos you want I will include ones from the Stebbin's Collection.

I am including a copy of the West Plains Gazette for you. In it is an article I wrote on banking in West Plains. Three of the notes are pictured in this article, although not to well. We are ~~now~~ now preparing the fifth edition of this magazine.

I am very interested in the Real Estate Bank of Arkansas and have collected alot of material on its early history. However, I have never seen one of it's notes for sale. Stebbin's had one in his collection and I have heard that perhaps you have one. If so I would very much like to have a xerox of it for my notes. The notes of the State Bank are more available (State Bank of Arkansas) as you know and I have three different types of them. The vignette above is from one of them.

Again, please excuse my latehess in answering.

Sincerely,

*C Toney Aid*

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C. Toney Aid  
1 Court Square  
West Plains, Missouri 65775

November 12, 1979

Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105



Dear Mr. Newman:

Again please excuse the delays, but this is the busiest time of the year for a retailer. The bank has a new copying machine that seems to reproduce things quite well. In fact the detail on the scrip is sharper than in a photo. However, I realize that for a publication you may need photographs for illustrations. Please let me know if these are not satisfactory. I would mail them to you if most of the pieces were not the only ones known. Especially the ones on my home town. Even the remote possibility of losing them in the mail prevents me from doing this. If a time could be arranged later I would be glad to bring them to St. Louis myself. I would certainly like to meet you some day to discuss scrip and share my collection with you.

C Toney Aid



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 20, 1979

Mr. C. Toney Aid  
1 Court Sq.  
West Plains, MD 65775

Dear Toney:

Thank you for your interesting letters and your cooperation. When you come to St. Louis, I will be pleased to try to take beautiful photocopies of your notes and we can compare portions of our collections. Let me know in advance in case I am out of town on business.

I would like to have as you suggested photos or photocopies of any Arkansas notes payable in Missouri or in Missouri War Bonds. I am familiar with the Stebbins collection publication, but it has poor illustrations.

I have a \$2.50 Vickery and Adcock, also a \$1 and \$2 Roberts & Ellis. If you are unable to buy the 25¢ Vickery and Adcock at a price which pleases you, let me know and perhaps I can trade for it or buy it. I have a Neosho \$1 duplicate in case you think of something for exchange with me.

The photocopy of my Arkansas Real Estate Bank is enclosed.

I congratulate you on the interesting article on Howell County money. With the other fascinating pictures and stories, I can understand why you are in your fifth printing.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.



C. Toney Aid  
1 Court Square  
West Plains, Missouri 65775

Nov. 29, 1979



Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please find enclosed a few photos I believe you will enjoy. I finally had time to make them for you. Some of them are of items in the Stebbins Collection in the Arkansas Historical Commission's possession. I have photographed over half of that collection for my files. The others are of items in my collection, except the mail carrier note which I saw at the Memphis show last June. I missed getting a photo of one of the West Plains notes. I will send it later.

Do you have a copy of the pamphlet by Mr. Stebbins on his collection? If you do not, I have an extra copy you may have.

Thank you for the Xerox of the Real Estate Bank Notes, they were of types I had not seen before. However, the next day's mail brought two notes to me on approval on the same two Real Estate Bank notes. It was quite a surprise! (One type was identical the other was a ten dollar note instead of a five, but on the same branch bank and with most of the same vignettes.)

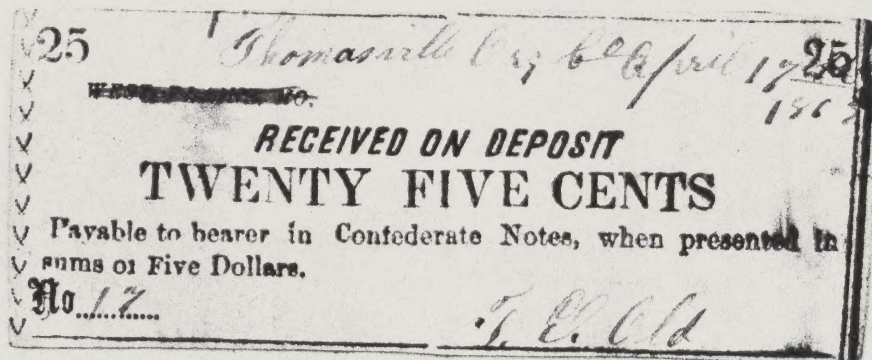
I still hope to meet with you some time to discuss bank notes. As I am in the retail hardware business all my time between now and Christmas is taken up. Also after Christmas I am going to completely re-fixtue our store, but perhaps I can get a free day in somehow that will be convient for you.

Any of the negatives that you would like to borrow for the enclosed pictures are available.

Sincerely,

*Toney*

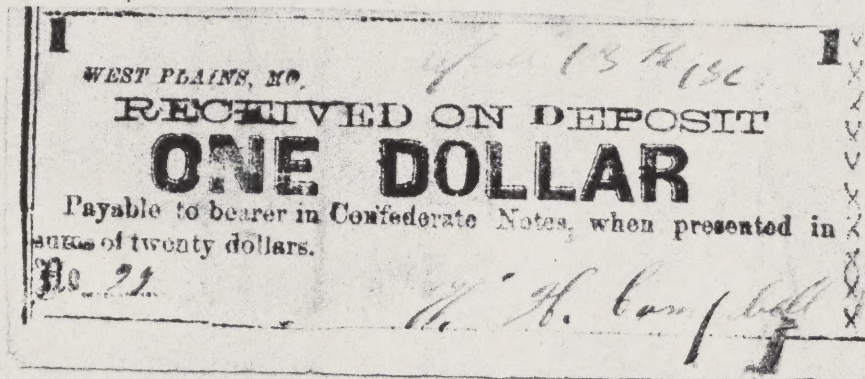




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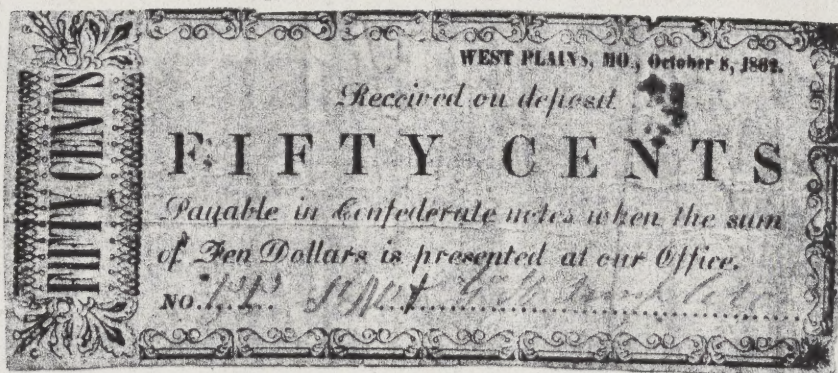
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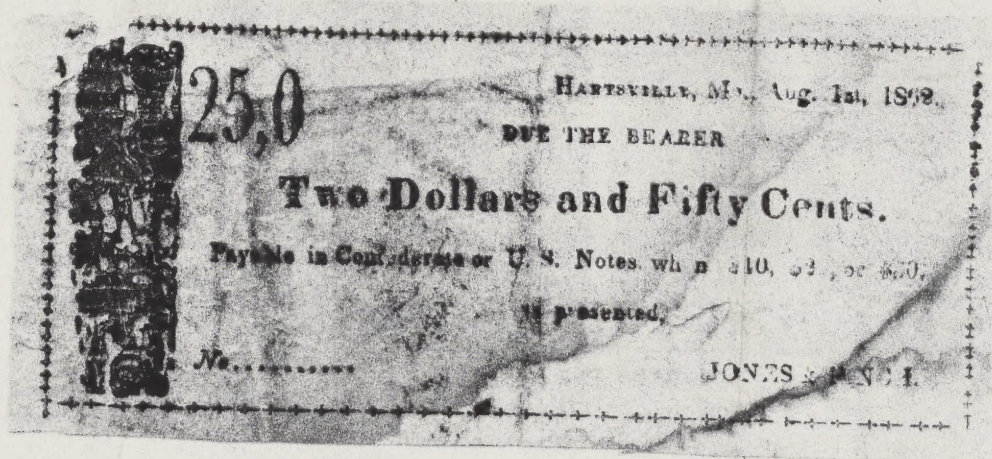
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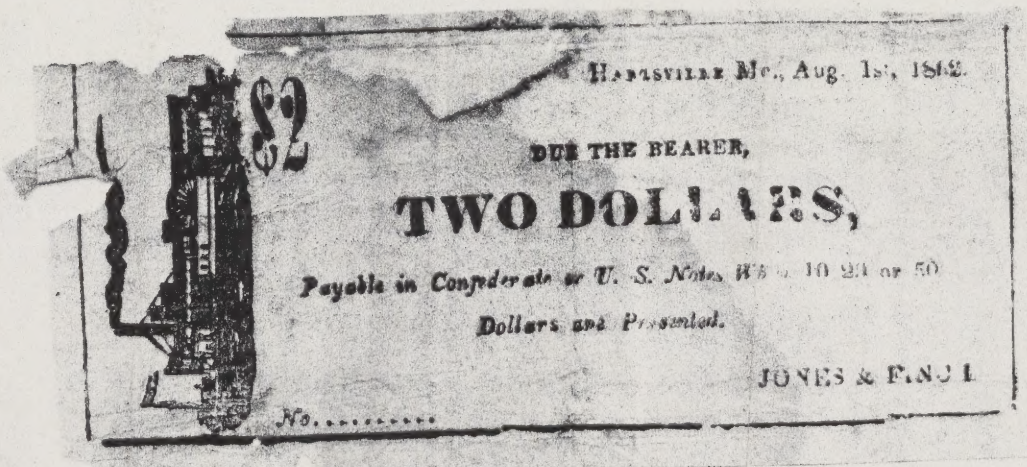
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West Plains Mo



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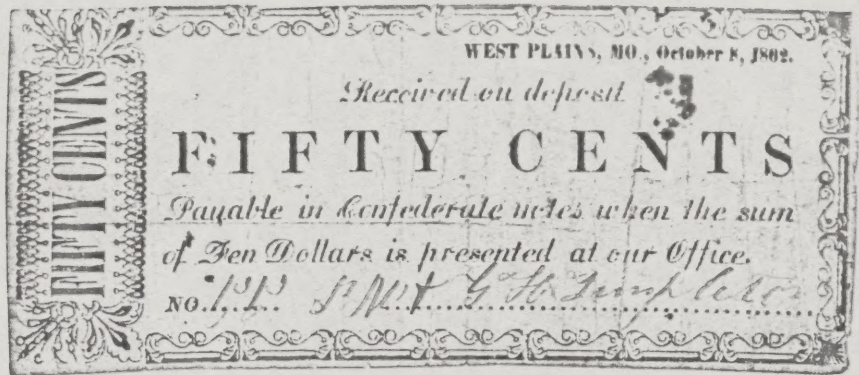
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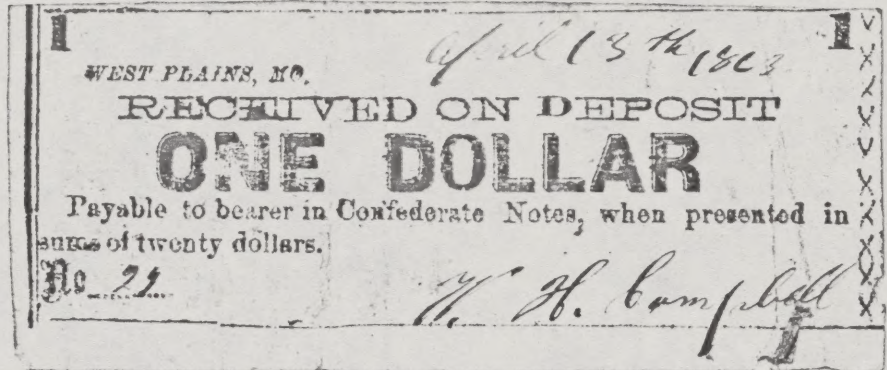
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 Thomasville, Mo.

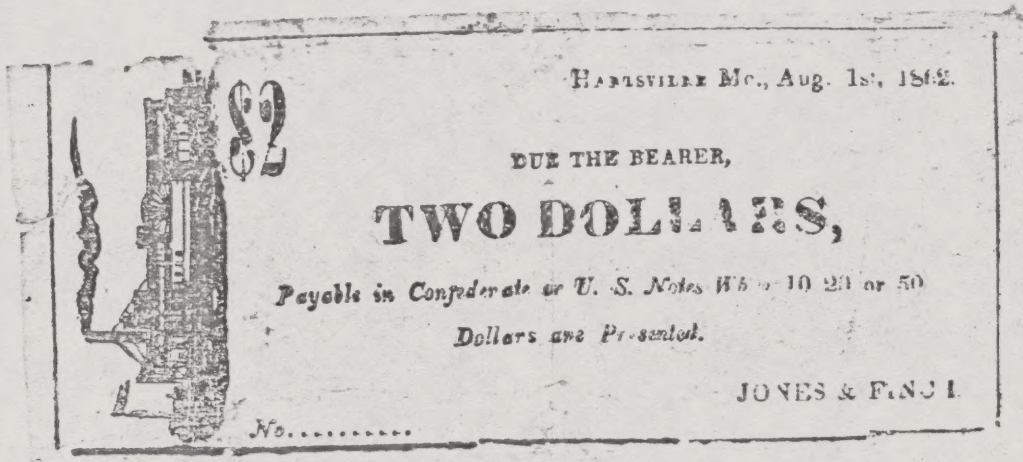




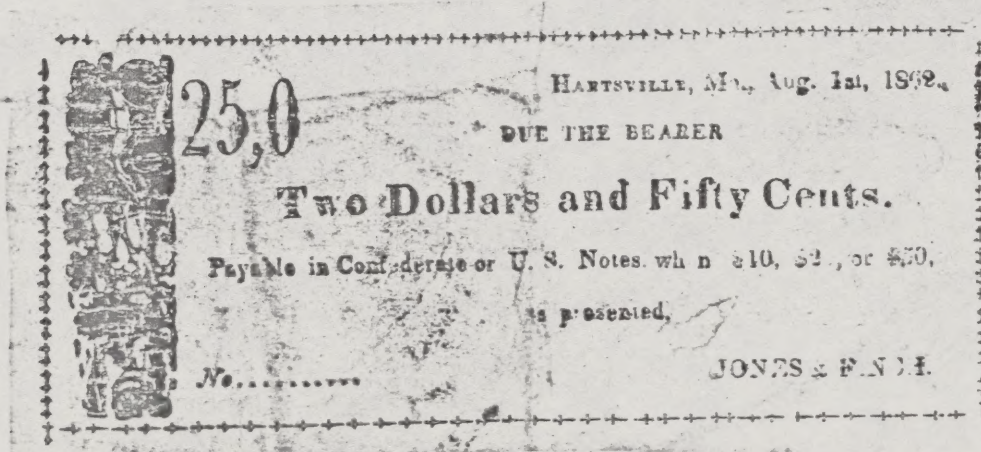
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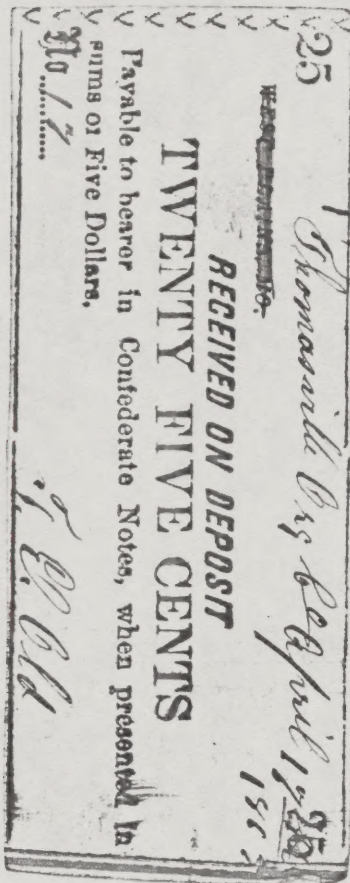
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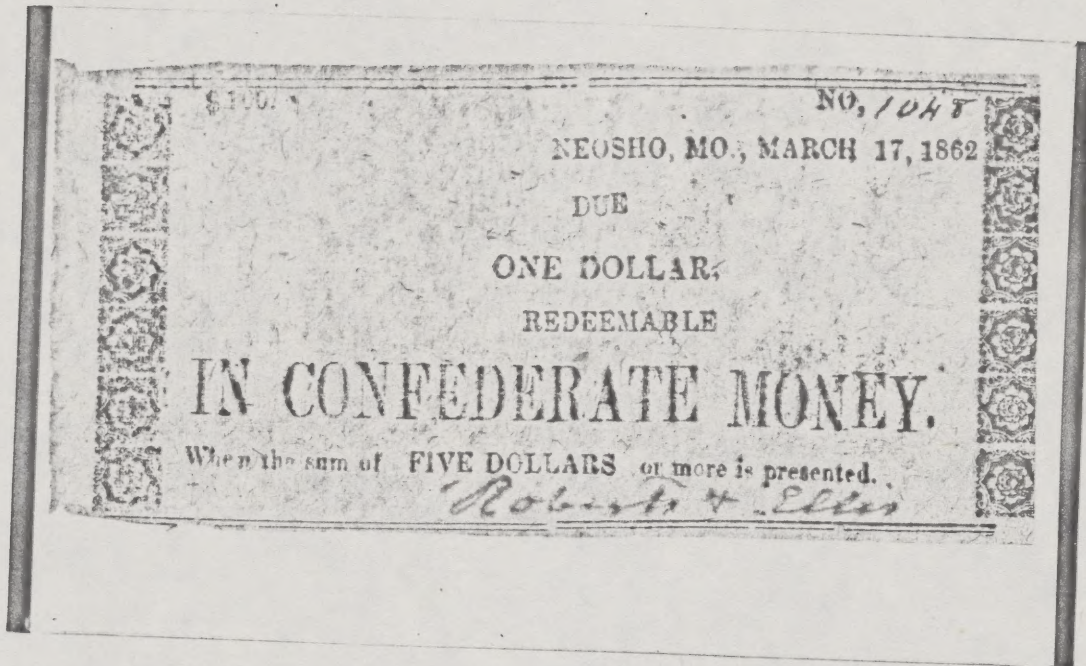


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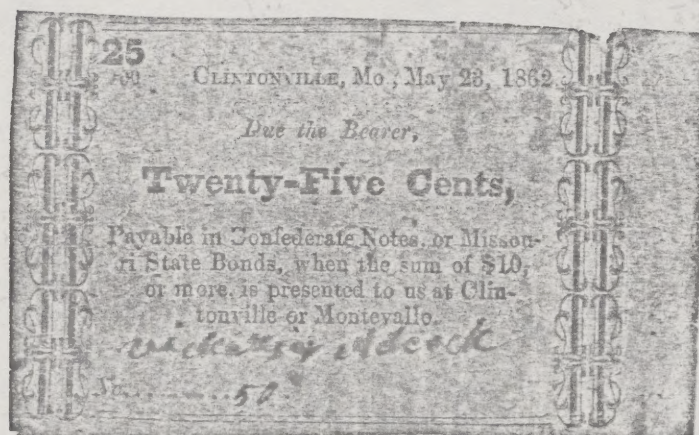


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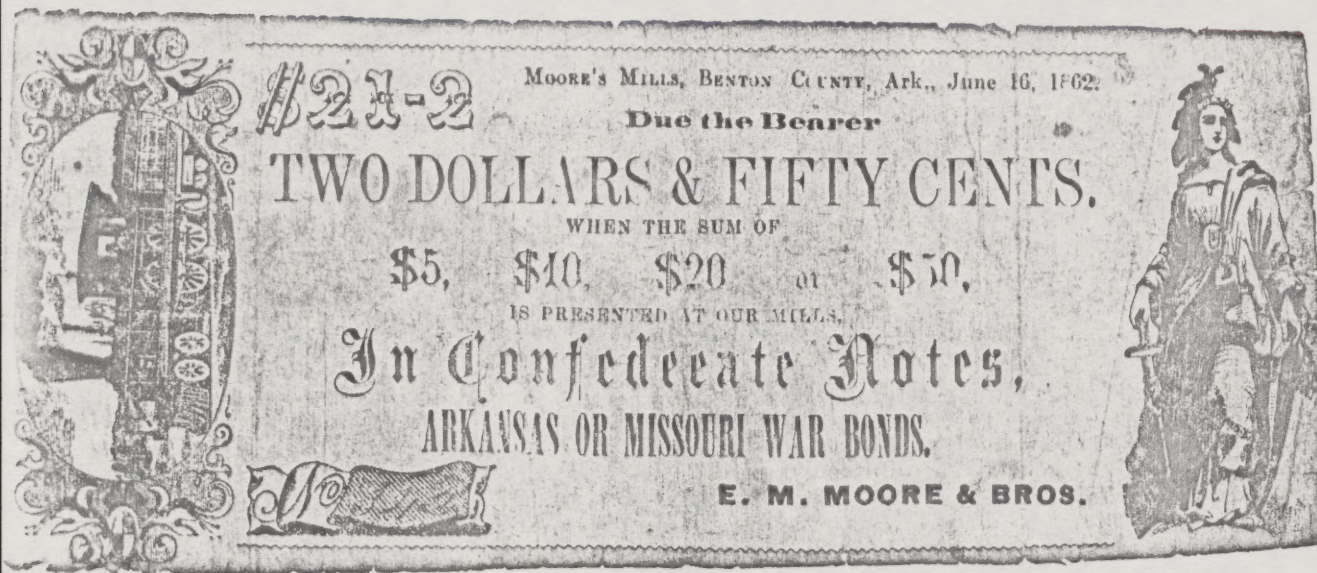
*Toney Aid*

These are two notes I am trying to purchase. The bottom note by Vickery & Adcock issued at Clintonville, and payable at either Clintonville or Montevallo, is new to me. Have you seen one before?



I have a list of several pieces of Ark. scrip payable in Missouri War Bonds if you are interested. Also there is a piece issued at Clarksville, Ark. which is payable in Sarcocixie, Mo. I have a photo of the Granby Mine Note payable in Ft. Smith, Ark.

*Toney Aird*



This note was printed on the same press as the note issued by Livingstone at French Point, Mo. There are pieces of Suttler scrip signed by the same men issued in both Mo. & Ark., as these Suttlers followed Missouri Confederate Forces.